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SECTION II: REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the changes as noted above in Section I be made to the present application.

In the Office Action mailed 12/10/2004, claims 1-4 and 11-12 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Hamilton et al (U.S. Patent 6,543,695, hereinafter referred to as "Hamilton"). The above noted rejections are respectfully traversed. However, in order to further the prosecution of the present application, and without waiving any of applicant's rights to argue the allowability of the originally presented claims in a subsequent appeal or other proceeding in the event that the Examiner does not concur that the present amendment places the application in condition for allowance, applicant has herein amended the claims to include the "Allowable Subject Matter" as noted on page 3 of the Office Action thereby placing the noted claims in condition for allowance.

More specifically, in the above referenced Office Action, claims 5-10 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim (i.e. claim 1) and all intervening claims (i.e. claim 2). Applicant agrees that the noted claims contain subject matter considered to be allowable over the cited references. As herein amended, claim 5, together with the substance of claims 2 and 1 from which claim 5 depended, has been rewritten as currently amended independent claim 1 and is therefore submitted to be in condition for allowance. Claims 2 and 5 have been cancelled with

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the substance of those claims being included in one or more of the remaining claims. Since dependent claims 3-4 and 6-10 ultimately depend from allowable claim 1 and include even further limitations as set forth in the individual claims, it is submitted that claims 3-4 and 6-10 are also in condition for allowance.

Independent system claim 11, which is directed toward a system implementation of the present invention, has also herein been amended to include the allowable subject matter identified in the above referenced Office Action, and therefore claim 11 is also submitted to be in condition for allowance, along with claim 12 which depends from claim 11. With the inclusion of the identified allowable subject matter into claims 1, 3-4 and 11-12, either directly or through dependence, it is believed that claims 1, 3-4 and 11-12, are allowable under 35 USC 102(e) over the Hamilton reference. It is further submitted that claims 6-10 which depend from and include all of the limitations of allowable claim 1, are also allowable over the cited references.

Therefore, as herein presented, claims 1, 3-4 and 6-12 are believed to be in condition for allowance, an early notice of which is hereby requested. If any outstanding issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting the allowance of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below. The Examiner's attention to this matter as well as the

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Examiner's suggestions for amendment of the present application,
are greatly appreciated.

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